

October 14th, 2008

On Tuesday, September 2, 2008 @ 1:02 am, Lafayette Police Department Patrolman Nicholas Amor was dispatched to an accident involving a single vehicle at the intersection of Union Street and Courtland Avenue. Officer Amor arrived approximately 2 minutes later at 1:04am and observed a Teal 2003 Hyundai Accent that had collided with two large stones and was presently turned over on the driver's side. Officer Amor also immediately observed that the engine compartment of the crashed vehicle had ignited with flames reaching up over the top of the vehicle.

Upon his approach toward the vehicle, Officer Amor noted that a single male still remained inside. Later identified as Shaunak Mayur Vora, the driver was standing up inside of the vehicle, but was unable to extricate himself out because of various internal injuries that he had sustained in the accident.

Acting decisively and without regard for his own personal safety, Officer Amor lifted Mr. Vora out of the passenger side window. In order to accomplish this, Officer Amor had to lift Mr. Vora over his head as the vehicle remained on its side and burning. As Mr. Vora was unable to walk due to broken bones in his lower leg and internal injuries in his torso area, Officer Amor then carried him approximately 100 feet to an area away from the vehicle where they would both be safe until the fire department and paramedics arrived.

Mr. Vora was transported to Home Hospital immediately after the accident, but was later transferred to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis due to the severity of his injuries. In speaking with Mr. Vora on the phone from his hospital bed on Thursday, September 4th, I learned that he is expected to recover from his injuries. Mr. Vora conveyed to me that he feels that Officer Amor's actions saved his life.

It should also be noted that Cheryl Blickenstaff of 3897 Union Street reported the accident to the police department during the early morning hours of September 2nd. Ms. Blickenstaff subsequently witnessed the life saving actions of Officer Amor and, on Wednesday, September 3rd, called the Mayor's Office, unsolicited, to commend Officer Amor for his efforts.

Officer Amor's actions on the morning of Tuesday September 2nd, 2008 were above reproach. Further, it is clear that Officer Amor's actions were undertaken without regard for his own personal safety in order to protect Mr. Vora from further serious personal injury.

Officer Amor's quick and decisive actions define meritorious conduct and bring great credit upon the City of Lafayette, the Lafayette Police Department and Officer Amor.

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